

Hingham Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Second Floor, Central Hearing Room

In Attendance: Carol Tully, Chair, Kevin Freytag, Vice Chair, Ted Ciolkosz, Secretary, Brenda Black, Ben Burnham, Tina Sherwood, Jerry Seelen, Brian Stack, David Leiphart, Elaine Cusker, Michael Herde, Mary Power, John Germain, Steven Pohl

Absent: Alan Macdonald

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and read the following statement. This meeting is being held remotely/or in person as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 and all other applicable laws temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L.c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording.
2. Warrant Articles – GG, Route 3A Project presented by Town Engineer J.R. Frey with AdCom liaison, Kevin Freytag. This project is a major safety initiative within a 1.7-mile stretch of Route 3A, with extensive history dating back to a 2009 Route 3A rotary analysis. The estimated total cost is estimated at 35.4mm, which is fully funded by state and federal sources. The project aims to connect downtown to the harbor, improve pedestrian and cyclist access, and enhance safety. Key improvements include curb bump outs, pedestrian islands, bus stops, dedicated turn lanes, and roundabouts. Impact areas involve Article 97 properties, requiring state approval for land use changes. The project includes formalizing easements, erosion control, slope stabilization, and wetlands mitigation. Final plans are expected by mid-April, with subsequent property appraisals and legislative review.

Article MM, Citizens Petition to Amend Noise Bylaw with liaison Jerry Seelen. AdCom had a unanimous vote of “no action”.

Article V, Sale of 86 Central St. presented by AdCom liaison David Leiphart who moved to recommend. Unanimously approved.

Article P, Construction of the Center for Active Living. Final figure should be received around April 14th but vote to be held now based on the estimated number with an insert in the Warrant to update citizens at ATM with final cost. Recommended motion passed with a vote of 9-5 for the motion. The five Adcom members voting against and wishing to be recorded were Steven Pohl, Alan Macdonald, Brian Stack, John Germain and Jerry Seelen.

Article FF, Transfer for Health Care Subsidy. The Hingham Select Board earlier modified the article to include the previously discussed study option but unknown if it passed. AdCom member Ben Burnham excused himself to avoid any conflict of interest. Vote postponed. Ben returned.

Article F, Budgets. Vote postponed in order to first consult with Town Counsel John Coughlin.

3. Liaison Updates – Steve Pohl, expects update from School Building Committee soon. Brenda Black, with regard to the Climate Action Commission, noted the Town has completed 4 of the 6 requirements to be considered a Climate Leader. The two remaining requirements would be to implement a zero-emission vehicle policy and create a roadmap for Municipal building decarbonization. A grant was applied for and just received to complete the decarbonization roadmap, with consultants beginning that work in May 2026.
4. Motion to Adjourn – Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted by Theodore D. Ciolkosz, Jr., Secretary